



The Office of the State Superintendent of Education  
*Presents*



Month of the  
Young Child™

Early Years Are Learning Years®

## Calendar of Events 2014



### 2014 Infant and Toddler Conference: Creating Pathways to Early Success

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with the support of The DC Department of Health

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY  
APRIL 14, 15 or 17  
7:30am - 5:30pm

Register to attend the first Infant and Toddler  
Conference in the Washington, DC Metropolitan  
Area at: <http://bit.ly/infant-toddler-conference>



This exciting and interactive conference will feature:

- Nationally acclaimed speakers, presenters and authors
- The Head Start Infant/Toddler Framework
- Early identification, intervention and support services
- The Creative Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers
- Theatrical performances and other interactive play

**FREE  
Admission  
& Lunch!**

**Location:**

Gallaudet University,  
Kellogg Conference Center  
800 Florida Ave. NE,  
Washington, DC 20002  
**FREE PARKING!**

- Hands-on interactive exhibits
- Education scholarships and training programs
- Receive 9 professional development clock hours
- **WIN** a fully furnished Infant and/or Toddler class for your center

**\*Only one-day registration required. Choose between  
April 14, 15 or 17. For more information:  
[lilian.tetteh@dc.gov](mailto:lilian.tetteh@dc.gov) or 202-727-5045**



## MONTH OF APRIL

### Story Times for Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

All 26 DC Public Library Locations

*Times vary - Mornings*

For children ages birth to 5 years of age. Story Time is designed to introduce young children to books, rhymes, music and other fun activities that match the typical attention spans and developmental levels of different ages of children.

**Admission is free!**

#### For more information:

[micki.freeny@dc.gov](mailto:micki.freeny@dc.gov) or 202-727-2313

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

### Special Performance by Susan Priester, Storyteller

Sitar Arts Center  
700 Kalorama Rd, NW, Suite 101  
Washington, DC 20009

10:00am - 11:00am

Susan Priester loves to tell stories and entertain children, so she is delighted to be working with Sitar Arts Center once again during the Month of the Young Child, to bring to life fun and colorful stories. This performance is specifically tailored to an audience 6 years and younger. Space is limited. **Admission is free!**

RSVP to **Trisha** at 202-797-2145  
or [trisha@sitarartscenter.org](mailto:trisha@sitarartscenter.org)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 10

### Workshop on Child Development

Centronia  
1420 Columbia Road NW,  
Washington, DC 20009

4:00pm - 5:00pm

This workshop is for parents to get the facts and tools they need to start conversations with their children about making healthy decisions and preventing diseases.

**Admission is free!**

#### For more information:

202-332-4200 ext. 1029

## TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY APRIL 8 - 11

### The Child In You! Early Learning Expedition

Carousel on the National Mall  
(In front of the Arts and Industries Building)  
900 Jefferson Drive SW, Washington, DC

10:00am to 5:00pm

Join fellow early childhood educators as we embark on a cultural and educational journey through Washington, DC. Be inspired by the local sights and sounds and learn how to incorporate the DC Common Core Early Learning Standards in field experiences with young children! Sign-up for one day and receive 7 Professional Learning Units and **FREE LUNCH!**

**Sponsor:** Sponsored by the Office of State Superintendent of Education (OSSE).

**Partners:** Washington Youth Garden, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Rock Creek Park, Imagination Stage, National Zoo and more!

**Admission is free, on a first come first serve basis.**

#### For More Information:

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

#### Pinwheels Fair

Grand Hall - Side A  
810 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

12pm - 2pm

Please come join us at the Pinwheels Fair in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness month. The Pinwheel symbolizes hope and promise that every child will be raised in a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment. At this event, there will be a session held on child abuse awareness. You will not leave empty handed, there will be handouts, giveaways, refreshments, and prizes provided for all who attend.

Admission is free!

Francine Redwood  
at (202) 724-3675  
or [francine.  
redwood@dc.gov](mailto:francine.redwood@dc.gov)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5 & 12

#### Member Appreciation Breakfast (April 5)

Bus Boys and Poets  
1025 5th Street NW,  
Washington, DC 20001

9:00am - 11:00am

\*Registration is required.

**Teacher Recognition  
Luncheon (April 12)**  
Clyde's of Gallery Place  
(Piedmont Room),  
707 7th Street NW,  
Washington, DC 20001

12:00pm - 2:00pm

\*Registration is required.

**Sponsor:** DC Association for  
the Education of Young Children  
(DCAEYC)



### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

#### Tots-to-Teens Expo

DC Convention Center,  
801 Mount Vernon Place,  
Washington, DC 20009

10:00am - 6:00pm

The 2014 Tots-to-Teens Expo is educational, entertaining and fun for the entire family. Experience and compare services from hundreds of area vendors whose focus is on providing solutions for families in the DC Metro area. Stop by the OSSE booth for great tips on preparing early learners for success in school and life. **Admission is free!**

**Sponsor:** Sponsored by the Office of State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) with the support of The DC Department of Health (DOH).

For more information:  
[www.thebetterfamily.com](http://www.thebetterfamily.com)



### SATURDAY, APRIL 12

#### Strong Start Playgroup Martha's Table

2114 14th Street NW,  
Washington, DC 20009

9:00am - 11:30am

The Strong Start Play group, will host a special "Open House" event for families of children ages 12 months - 3 years of age. Our theme, "Play: Where Learning Begins", will be explored through a series of activity stations designed to engage children and their caregivers as they develop skills across the developmental domains.

Preregistration is requested.

Admission is free!

For more information:  
[jennifer.gee@dc.gov](mailto:jennifer.gee@dc.gov) or  
202-538-2153



### MONDAY, APRIL 21

#### African American Family Celebration at the National Zoo

3001 Connecticut Ave NW,  
Washington, DC 20008

10:00am - 4:00pm

At this year's multicultural tradition, the Zoo will offer an Easter egg roll/hunt, crafts, live entertainment, a food bazaar, and more family-friendly fun. Talk with Smithsonian scientists, who will share their work with such African animals as the kori bustard, cheetah, gorilla, and gaboon viper.

Admission is free!

For more information:  
[www.nationalzoo.si.edu](http://www.nationalzoo.si.edu)



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### FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 25 & 26

#### Inspiring Spaces for Young Children

The University of the  
District of Columbia  
Early Child Leadership  
Institute  
1834 11th Street NW,  
Washington, DC 20001

#### Friday Public Lecture:

6pm – 8pm, Building 41 – Room A04

#### Saturday Workshop:

9am – 3pm, Building 41 – Room A04

Admission is free!

#### Lecturer:

**Belinda Costins**, Educational  
Director for the Children's  
Discovery Center.

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY APRIL 26 & 27

#### USA Science and Engineering Festival

DC Convention Center,  
801 Mount Vernon Place  
Washington, DC 20009

9:00am - 6:00pm

Celebrate Science and Engineering in Washington DC with leading science celebrities, hands-on activities, live performances, a book fair, a career pavilion and many special events. Meet Bill Nye the Science Guy, shake hands with Benjamin Franklin, and blow some of the biggest bubbles known to man! There will be plenty of experiences for children of all ages! Visit the OSSE booth while you're there. Admission is free!

For more information:

[www.usasciencefestival.org](http://www.usasciencefestival.org)

## April is Child Abuse Awareness Month



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### THEMES

#### APRIL 1 - 30

##### Teddy Bear Drive

In recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month in April, OSSE will host a Teddy Bear Drive for the month of April. Bring a bear to show you care!



#### APRIL 1 - 30

##### "Build A Blue Ribbon Tree For Kids"

Blue ribbons displayed on the tree branch are placed in memory of children who were tragically lost at the hands of abusers.



#### APRIL 7 - APRIL 11

##### "Oral Health Screening Week"

Young children across the District will have an opportunity to receive free oral health screenings, receive oral hygiene giveaways and gain useful helpful information about preventive dental care.



For More Information: **Brenda Harris**

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#### FRIDAY, APRIL 11

##### "Wear Blue To Work Day"

Take a stand against child abuse and "Wear Blue To Work Day" Friday, April 11.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

##### "Spring Cleaning"

OSSE encourages child development centers and home to take this day to spring clean and beautify their sites. As we spring forward into a new season of powerful learning.



## TUESDAY, APRIL 29

### OSSE Reads!

#### DC Child Development Centers & Homes

OSSE staff will read to children at various child development centers and homes across DC to promote early literacy.

For more information:

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